Access Control for Interstate Highways and Expressways

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Purpose

To administer control that will be obtained for all segments of the designated Interstate System.

Policy

Access control will be obtained on the interchange crossroad a minimum distance of 100 meters from ramp terminals in rural areas and 50 meters in urban areas. Intersection of frontage roads with such crossroad shall provide the same minimum clearance from the ramp terminals.

The portion of the functionally classified Principal Arterial System designated as the State Expressway System will consist of highways meeting the AASHTO definition of "expressway." Therefore, projects on such highways will have access control as determined by traffic volumes, safety, continuity, abutting development and availability of funds. The level of access control will be determined for the entire route or a major route segment, and is subject to approval by the UDOT Executive Director.

Projects on expressways will be designed and rights-of-way purchased or otherwise protected for the ultimate level of access control determined for the facility. The level of initial construction shall be determined by the existing traffic demand. Where less than the ultimate level of control is not incompatible with or detrimental to future expansion, and where such lesser control of access is acceptable for current traffic operations, deferring construction of interchanges, separations, and frontage roads to a later date is allowed and encouraged.

In areas where it has been determined that final location of the expressway will be on a new location, improvements on the existing road may involve high levels of control at or near interconnecting points with the new facility where it is anticipated that the existing road will retain an arterial function after construction of the expressway.

This policy will be applied where it is desirable that the road be protected from encroachment of commercial, industrial, or residential development.